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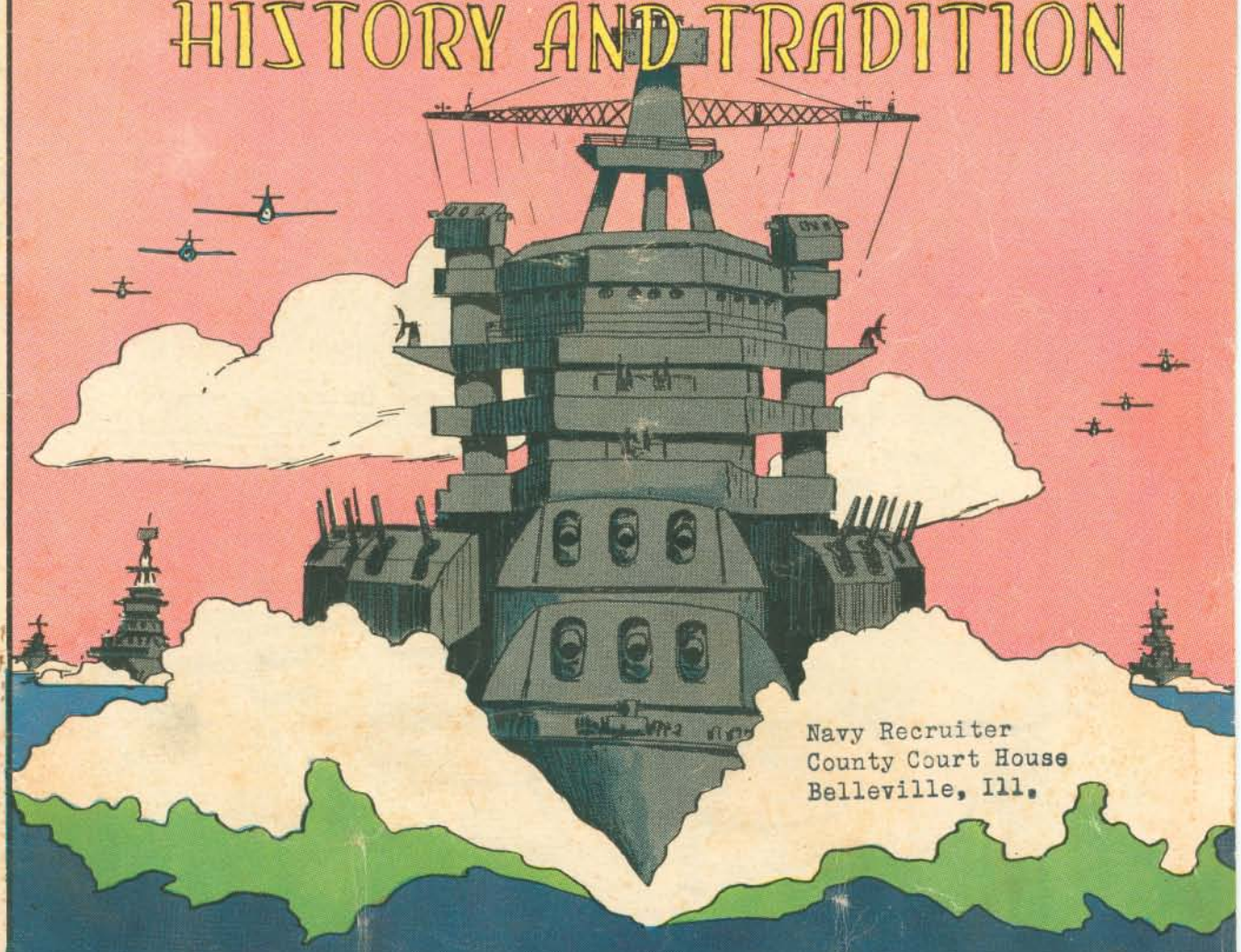

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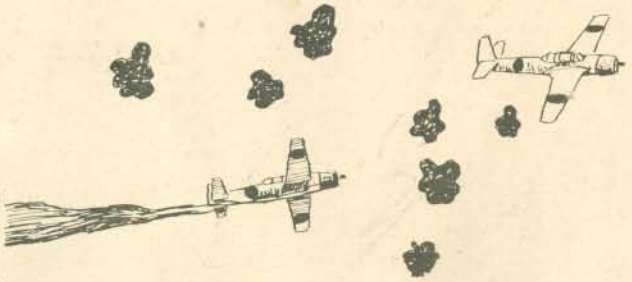
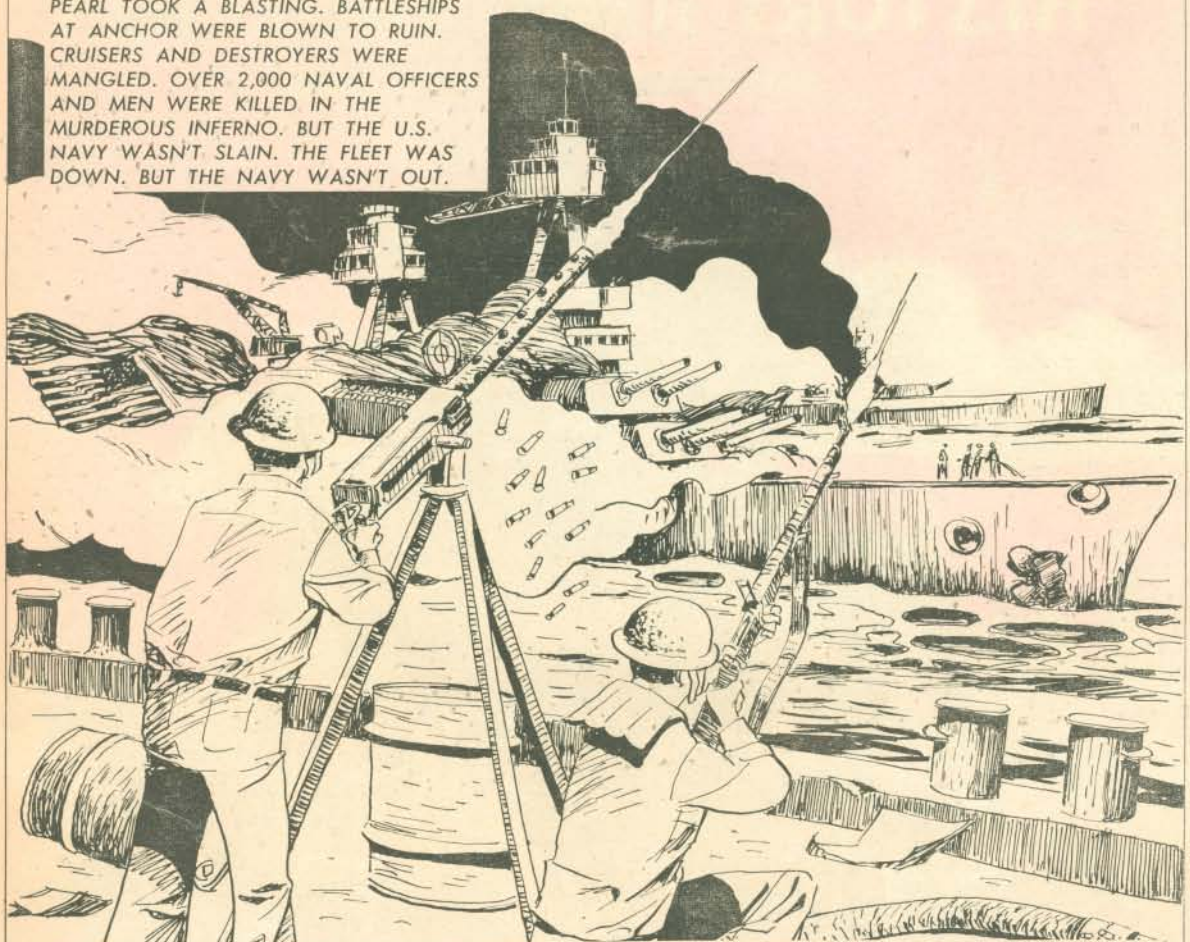
PEARL ★ HARBOR

DECEMBER 7, 1941. A SUNDAY MORNING. THAT WAS THE DAY JAPAN'S WAR LORDS PICKED FOR THE MAD ASSAULT. IT WAS A BLOW LONG PLANNED. PREMEDITATED MURDER. SCHEMED WITH THE LEADERS OF NAZI GERMANY AND FASCIST ITALY, THE EUROPEAN PARTNERS OF THE ROME-BERLIN-TOKYO AXIS. SO THE AXIS' AXE FELL ON THE NECK OF THE U.S. NAVY'S PACIFIC BASE AT PEARL HARBOR. A SMASH TO SLAY THE U. S. BATTLE FLEET. JAP CARRIERS SNEAKING UP ON HAWAII. SOME 350 JAP PLANES HURLED AT PEARL. CAUGHT BY SURPRISE, PEARL TOOK A BLASTING. BATTLESHIPS AT ANCHOR WERE BLOWN TO RUIN. CRUISERS AND DESTROYERS WERE MANGLED. OVER 2,000 NAVAL OFFICERS AND MEN WERE KILLED IN THE MURDEROUS INFERNO. BUT THE U.S. NAVY WASN'T SLAIN. THE FLEET WAS DOWN. BUT THE NAVY WASN'T OUT.





BLASTED AT PEARL HARBOR: BATTLESHIPS **ARIZONA** (BLOWN UP), **OKLAHOMA** (SUNK), **WEST VIRGINIA** (SUNK), **CALIFORNIA** (SUNK), OLD **UTAH** (SUNK), **MARYLAND** (MANGLED), **TENNESSEE** (MANGLED), **NEVADA** (DISABLED). CRUISERS **HELENA, RALEIGH, NEW ORLEANS, HONOLULU,** ALL SEVERELY DAMAGED. TWO DD'S (DESTROYERS) SHATTERED, ANOTHER MANGLED. ONE MINELAYER SUNK. BUT THE KILLERS OVERLOOKED THE PEARL SUBMARINE BASE. AND THREE U.S. CARRIERS WEREN'T AT PEARL. JAPAN WOULD HEAR FROM THESE SURVIVORS.

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ADMIRAL "BULL" HALSEY

BACK WHEN, W. F. HALSEY ENTERED ANNAPOLIS, FROM A SERVICE FAMILY, BILL (AS THEY CALLED HIM THEN) HAD NAVY VEINS. WORLD WAR I HE SKIPPERED DESTROYER **SHAW** IN THE U-BOAT ARENA. YEARS LATER HE GOT INTO AERONAUTICS. CAPTAIN W. F. HALSEY, U.S.N., WENT TO FLYING SCHOOL. RIGHT! WON HIS NAVY WINGS WHEN HE WAS 53 YEARS OLD!

WHEN YOU'RE A GRANDPA YOU LEARN TO FLY! THEN YOU COMMAND AN AIRCRAFT CARRIER. THEN YOU MAKE VICE ADMIRAL. NO ROCKING CHAIR FOR SUCH AS HALSEY. IN DECEMBER 1941 HE WAS OUT IN THE PACIFIC WITH CARRIER **ENTERPRISE** AND A TASK FORCE WHEN THE JAPS STRUCK PEARL. CAME A STUNNING MESSAGE. "THE PACIFIC FLEET HAS BEEN IMMOBILIZED!" BILL HALSEY WASN'T IMMOBILIZED. HOISTING BATTLE FLAGS, HE RUSHED HIS FORCE TO PEARL. THE WAR WAS ON!

IN FEBRUARY '42 HALSEY'S **ENTERPRISE** FORCE STRUCK A SMASHER AT THE JAP-HELD MARSHALL ISLANDS. KWAJALEIN AND WOTJE GOT A BLASTING. BEFORE THE JAPS KNEW WHAT HIT THEM, HALSEY WAS GONE. HIS FLYERS CALLED IT "HAULING OUT WITH HALSEY."

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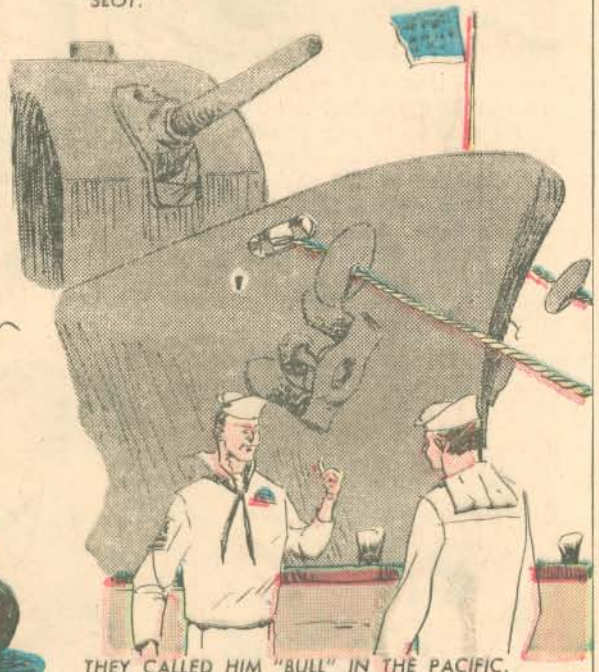

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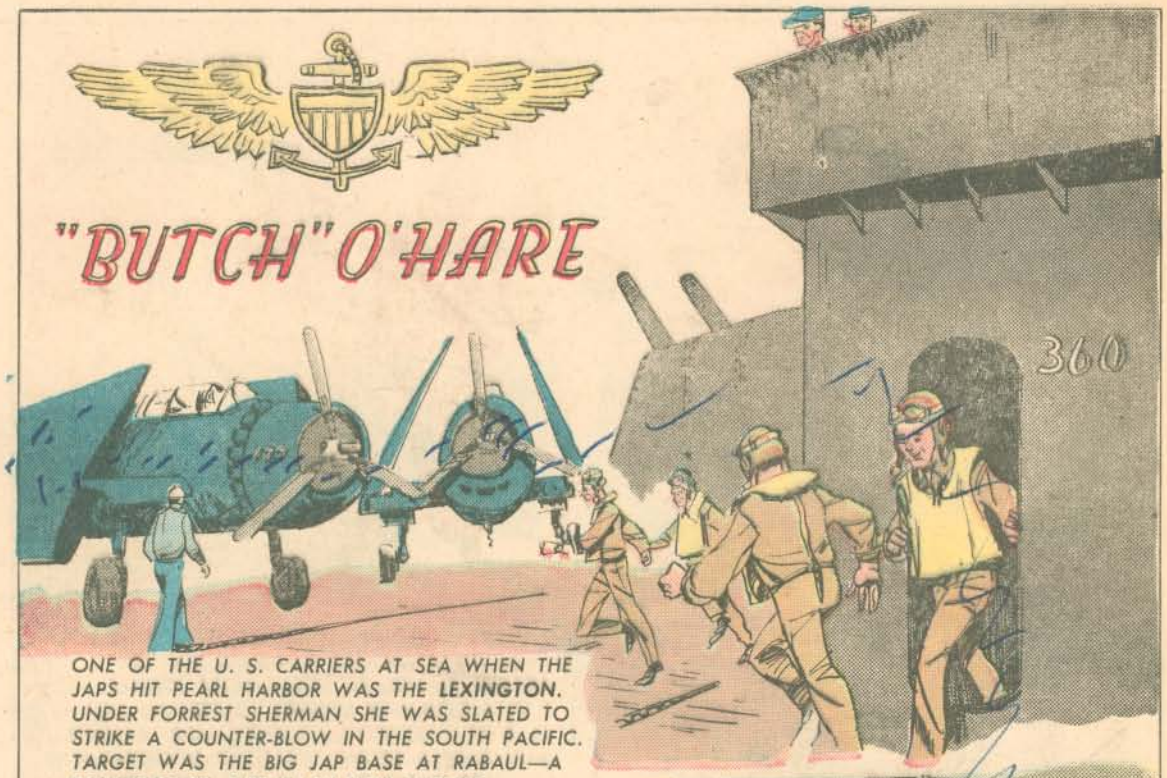

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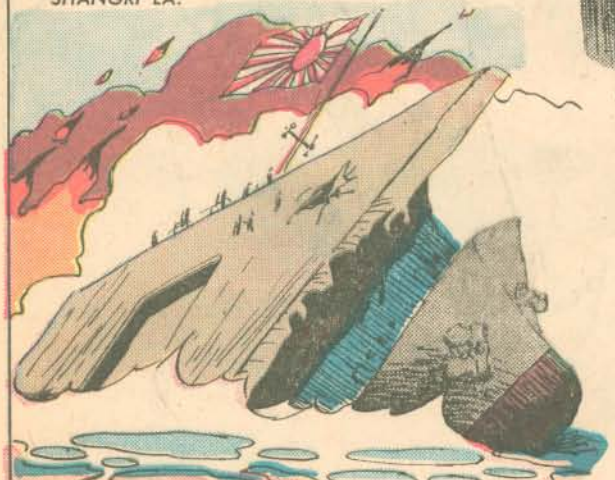

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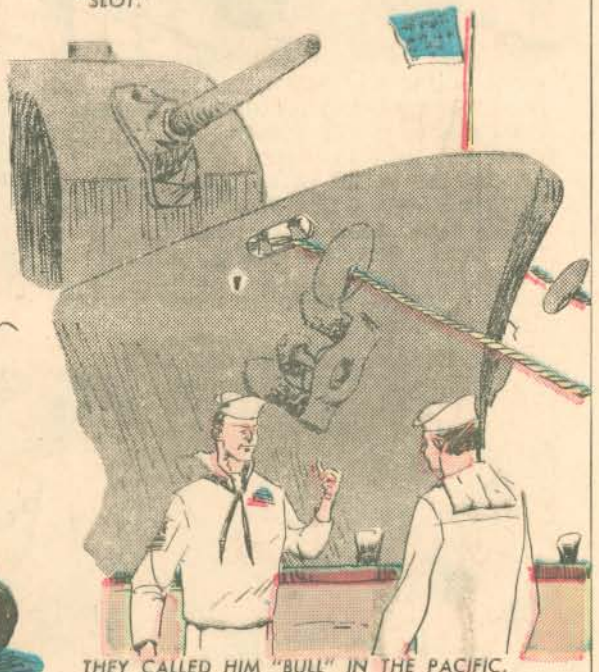

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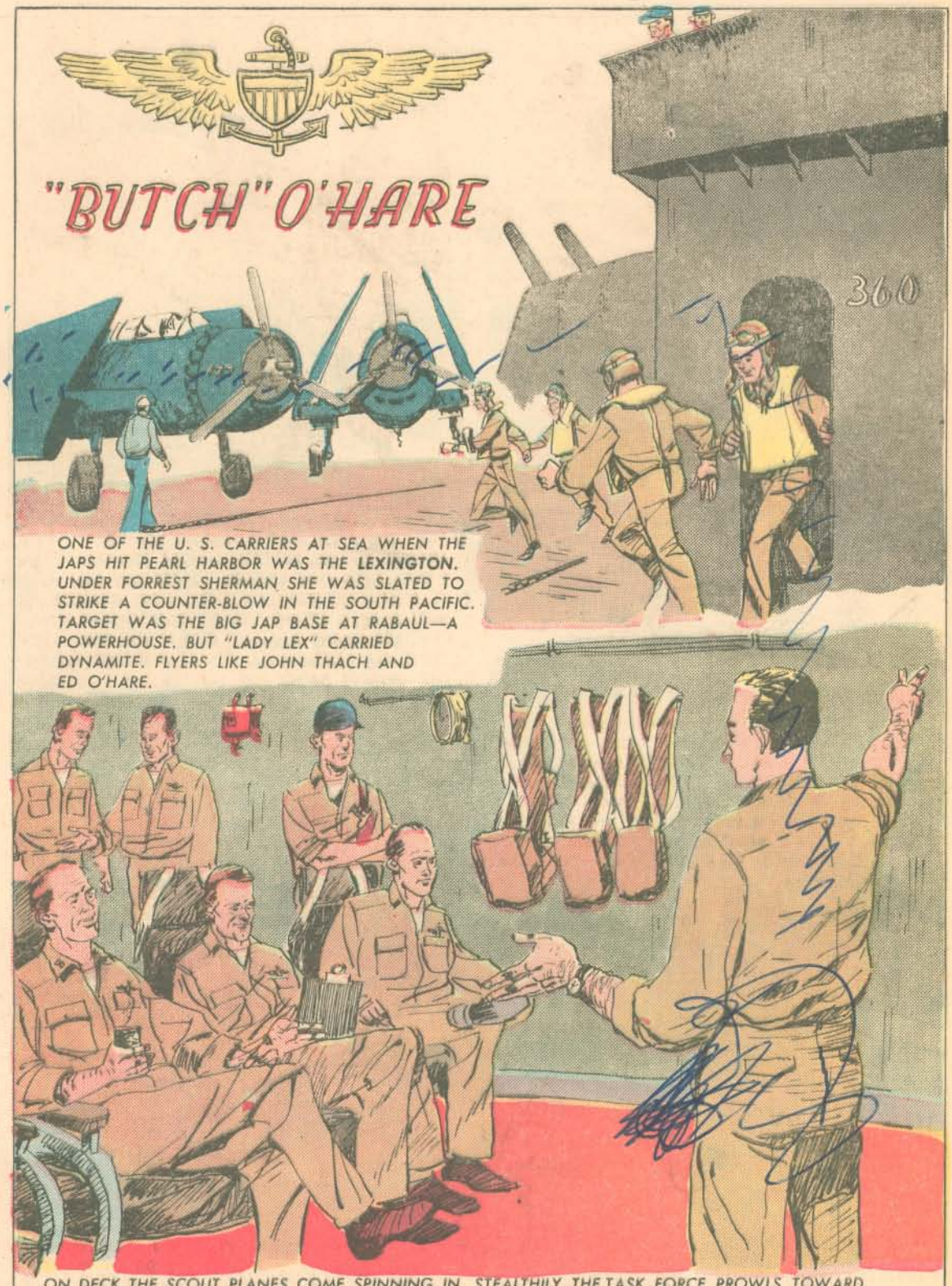
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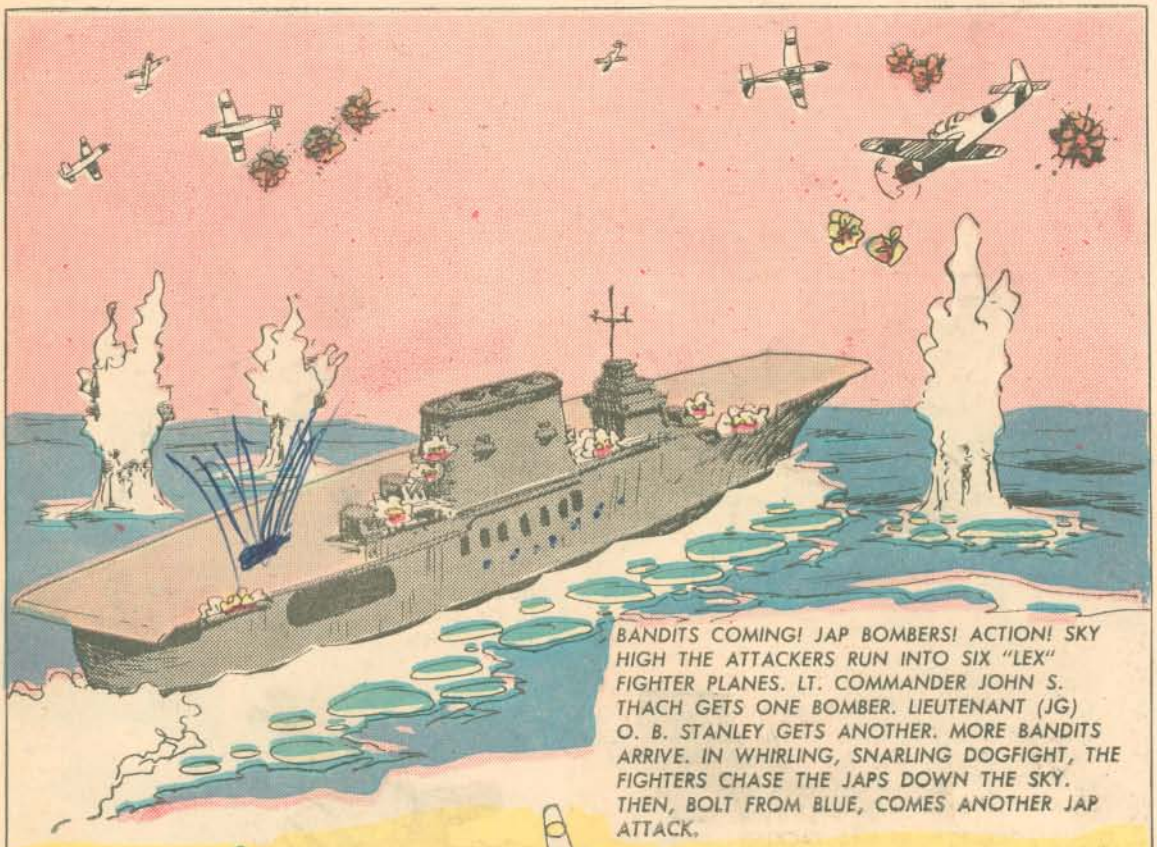
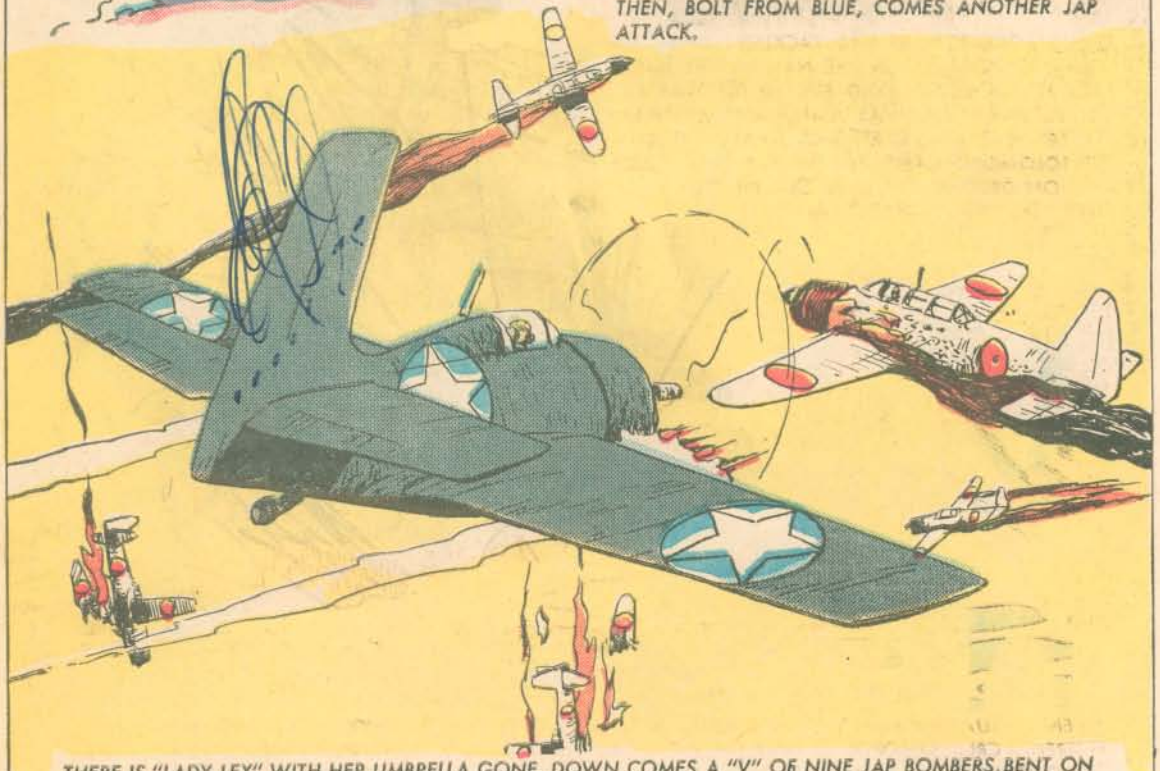


BANDITS COMING! JAP BOMBERS! ACTION! SKY HIGH THE ATTACKERS RUN INTO SIX "LEX" FIGHTER PLANES. LT. COMMANDER JOHN S. THACH GETS ONE BOMBER. LIEUTENANT (JG) O. B. STANLEY GETS ANOTHER. MORE BANDITS ARRIVE. IN WHIRLING, SNARLING DOGFIGHT, THE FIGHTERS CHASE THE JAPS DOWN THE SKY. THEN, BOLT FROM BLUE, COMES ANOTHER JAP ATTACK.



THERE IS "LADY LEX" WITH HER UMBRELLA GONE. DOWN COMES A "V" OF NINE JAP BOMBERS BENT ON MURDER. WAIT! ONE "LEX" FIGHTER HOVERS TO INTERCEPT. PILOT "BUTCH" O'HARE CUTS AROUND THE ENEMY "V". DOWN GOES THE JAP TAIL-ENDER. O'HARE ROARS UP THE FLANK OF THE "V". A BOMBER EXPLODES ANOTHER GOES DOWN. ANOTHER. AND ANOTHER. FIVE JAP BOMBERS IN FOUR MINUTES! THE SURVIVORS FLEE. THE "LEX" IS UNHARMED. MEDAL OF HONOR FOR "BUTCH" O'HARE, THE ONE-MAN BLITZ WHO DEFENDED A LADY.

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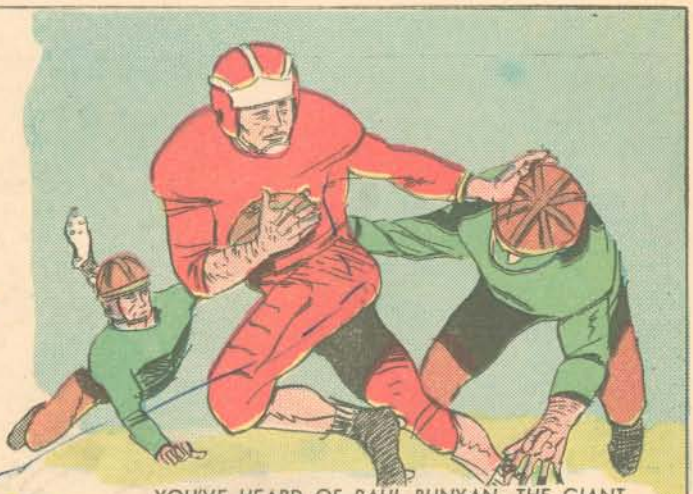
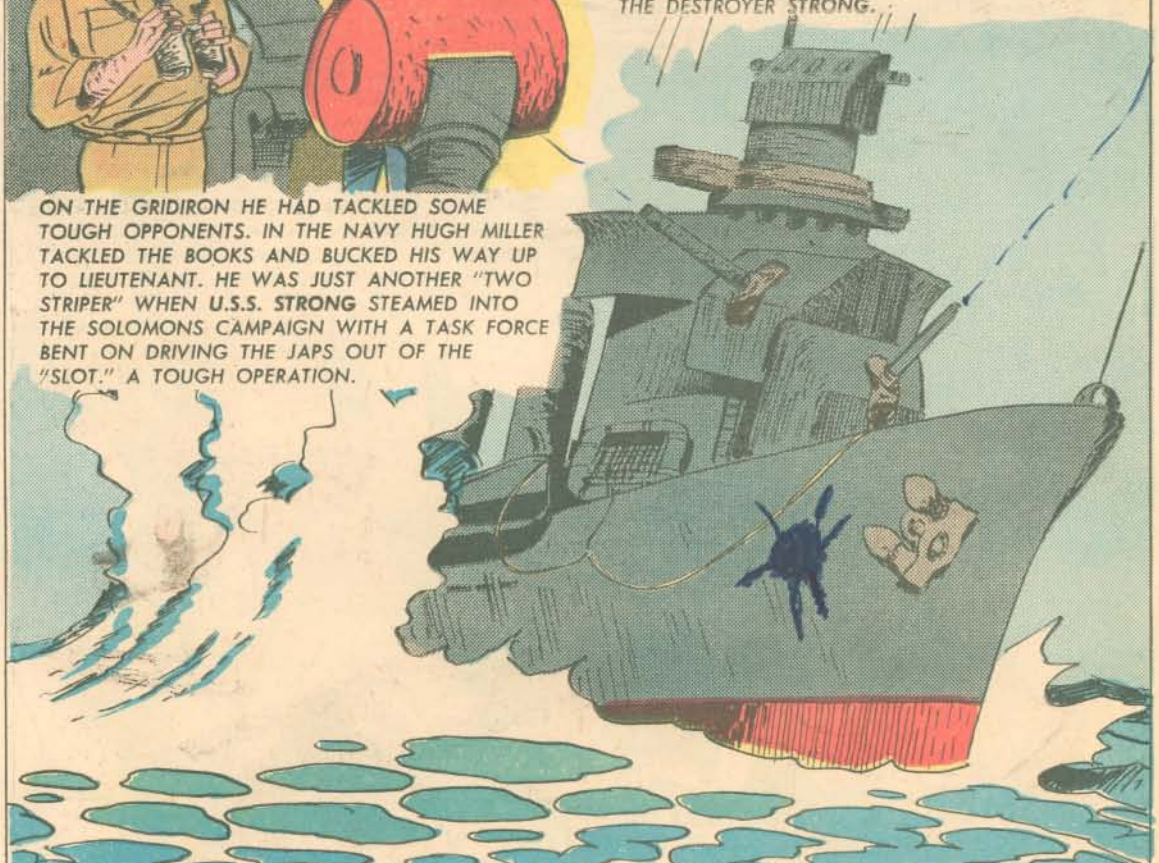
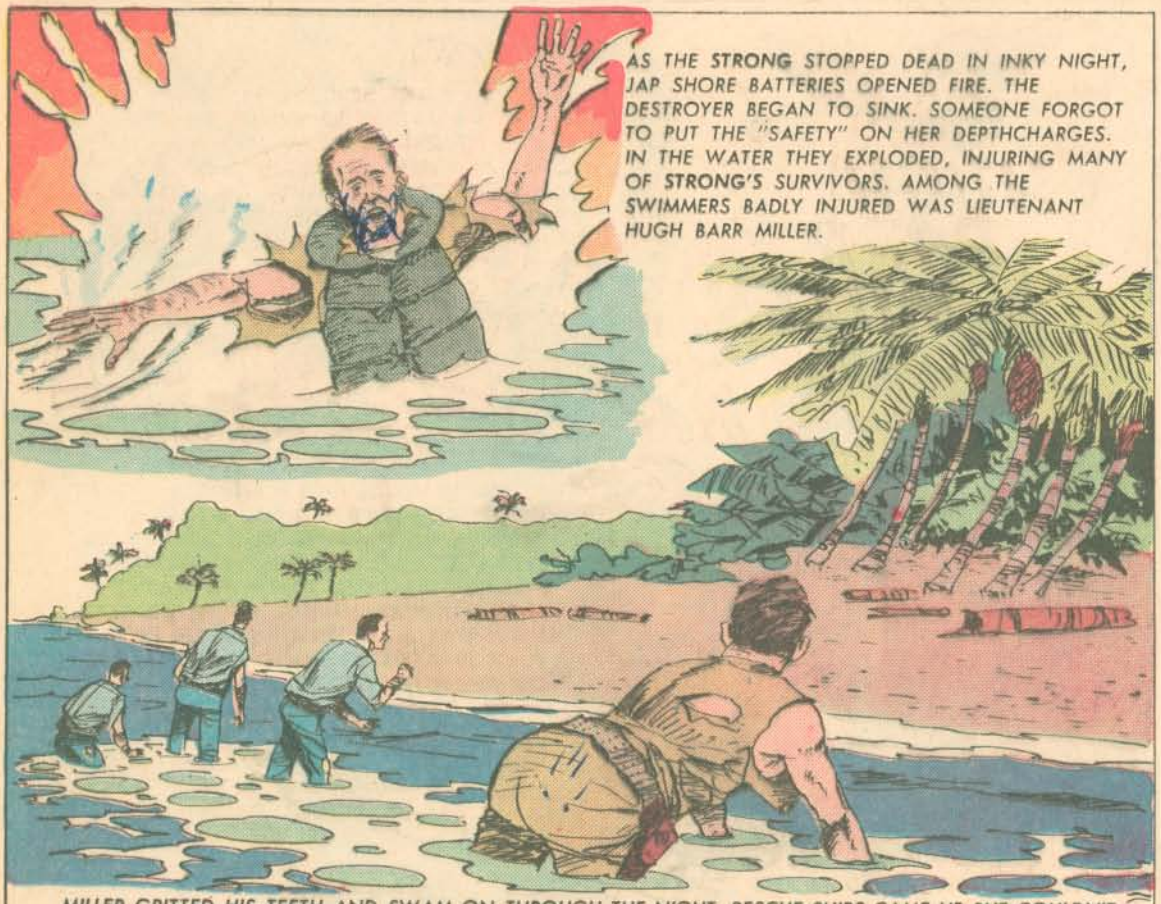


YOU'VE HEARD OF PAUL BUNYAN, THE GIANT WHO COULD UPROOT A PINE TREE. AND OF SAMSON, THE GAZA HERCULES WHO PULLED DOWN A TEMPLE. THOSE WERE LEGENDARY STRONG MEN. HERE'S ONE WHO WASN'T A MYTH—HUGH BARR MILLER. BEFORE THE WAR, HUGH WAS ALL-AMERICAN QUARTER FROM THE U. OF ALABAMA. IN THE NAVY HE SERVED ON THE DESTROYER **STRONG**.

ON THE GRIDIRON HE HAD TACKLED SOME TOUGH OPPONENTS. IN THE NAVY HUGH MILLER TACKLED THE BOOKS AND BUCKED HIS WAY UP TO LIEUTENANT. HE WAS JUST ANOTHER "TWO STRIPER" WHEN **U.S.S. STRONG** STEAMED INTO THE SOLOMONS CAMPAIGN WITH A TASK FORCE BENT ON DRIVING THE JAPS OUT OF THE "SLOT." A TOUGH OPERATION.

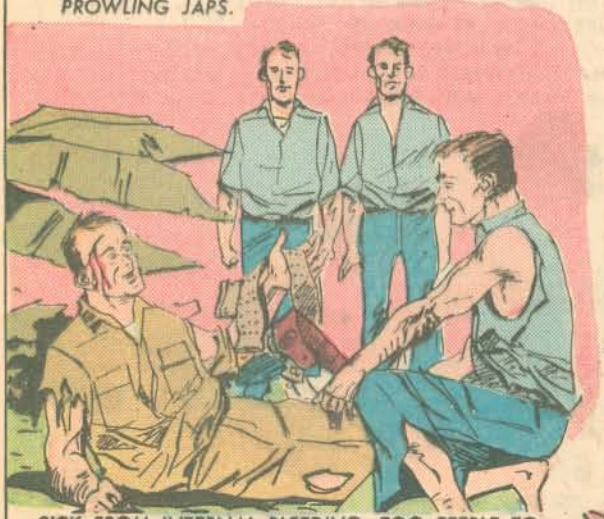


BEATEN AT GUADALCANAL, THE JAPS PULLED BACK TO THE CENTRAL SOLOMONS AND DUG IN. HALSEY ORDERED A CRUISER FORCE TO PAVE THE WAY FOR A MARINE DRIVE. THE TARGET: TWO SAVAGE ISLANDS —KOLOMBANGARA AND NEW GEORGIA. SO UP THE "SLOT" WENT CRUISERS AND DESTROYERS, INCLUDING THE **STRONG**. IT WAS JULY 4, 1943. LEADING THE VAN, **STRONG** WAS HIT BY A JAP "LONG LANCE" TORPEDO. WHAM! A TERRIFIC BLAST SMASHED THE SHIP. SOME FOURTH OF JULY!



AS THE **STRONG** STOPPED DEAD IN INKY NIGHT, JAP SHORE BATTERIES OPENED FIRE. THE DESTROYER BEGAN TO SINK. SOMEONE FORGOT TO PUT THE "SAFETY" ON HER DEPTHCHARGES. IN THE WATER THEY EXPLODED, INJURING MANY OF **STRONG'S** SURVIVORS. AMONG THE SWIMMERS BADLY INJURED WAS LIEUTENANT HUGH BARR MILLER.

MILLER GRITTED HIS TEETH AND SWAM ON THROUGH THE NIGHT. RESCUE SHIPS CAME UP BUT COULDN'T FIND HIM. SOMEHOW HE MADE IT IN TO A BEACH WITH THREE BLUEJACKETS. BLEEDING, EXHAUSTED, HE CRAWLED UP OUT OF THE SURF. BUT WHERE WERE THEY? AHEAD LAY STEAMING, SILENT JUNGLE—AND PROWLING JAPS.



SICK FROM INTERNAL BLEEDING, TOO FEEBLE TO WALK, HUGH MILLER THOUGHT HE WAS GOING TO DIE. HE CRAWLED UP INTO THE JUNGLE UNDERGROWTH WITH HIS MEN. HE GAVE THE THREE BLUEJACKETS HIS RATIONS, GEAR AND OTHER EQUIPMENT. THEY DIDN'T WANT TO LEAVE HIM, BUT HE ORDERED THEM TO GO. "TRY TO REACH THE MARINES. GET AWAY WHILE YOU CAN."

ALONE IN HOSTILE JUNGLE! ARMED WITH NOTHING BUT A SMALL KNIFE! HUGH MILLER STARED DEATH IN THE TEETH. FOR HOURS HE LAY EXHAUSTED, LISTENING TO SCREAMING BIRDS AND OTHER UNCANNY SOUNDS. JAPS? HE HAD A FEVER, BUT HIS BLOOD FROZE. THEN A RAIN-STORM REVIVED HIM. HE FOUND A COCOANUT. ITS MILK GAVE HIM STRENGTH.

DAYS AND NIGHTS DRAGGED BY. FINALLY HUGH MILLER CRAWLED OUT OF HIDING. SOMEHOW HE GOT TO HIS FEET. HE FOUND HE WASN'T GOING TO DIE. HE FORCED HIMSELF TO WALK, TO HUNT FOR FOOD. SCOUTING ALONG THE BEACH, HE FOUND A DEAD JAP SOLDIER. HE TOOK THE DEAD MAN'S UNIFORM, THE RATIONS, THE HAND GRENADES.

DRESSED AS A JAP, MILLER STAGGERED ON THROUGH THE JUNGLE, HIDING BY DAY, TRAVELING BY NIGHT. HIS INJURIES DIDN'T MAKE IT EASY. HE MOVED IN CONSTANT PERIL. HE KNEW HE WAS ON A SMALL ISLAND SOMEWHERE BETWEEN KOLOMBANGARA AND NEW GEORGIA. HE HOPED TO FIND MARINES "ABOARD." INSTEAD, HE RAN INTO MORE JAPS—A PATROL THAT HAD DISCOVERED THE STRIPPED BODY AND WAS OUT TO GET HIM. MILLER TURNED TO FIGHT, AND GOT THE JAP PATROL. WITH HAND GRENADES MADE IN TOKYO!

THE DEAD PATROL FURNISHED MILLER WITH RIFLES AND AUTOMATIC GUNS. ARMED, HE GOT OUT OF THERE. BUT AN ISLAND IS A BODY OF LAND SURROUNDED BY WATER. AND MILLER WAS SURROUNDED BY JAPS. SOON ANOTHER PATROL CAUGHT UP WITH HIM. THE JAPS USED JIUJITSU, BUT MILLER KNEW HOW TO TACKLE THEM. DOWN WENT THE PATROL.

DAY AFTER DAY MILLER WAS "IT" IN A GAME OF TIGER-TIGER. HE SHOT UP A THIRD PATROL. HE AMBUSHED A PLATOON. NOW HE HAD SOLID FOOD, UNIFORMS, A WHOLE ARSENAL. HE BLAZED HIS WAY THROUGH A JAP CAMP. THE FRANTIC SONS OF HEAVEN MUST HAVE THOUGHT A WHOLE AMERICAN REGIMENT WAS ON THE ISLAND.

AT LONG LAST HUGH MILLER SIGHTED A SCOUT PLANE—NAVY AMPHIB! HE BROKE FROM COVER. THE PILOT PICKED HIM UP. RESCUED! AFTER 43 DAYS (AND 23 ELIMINATED JAPS) IN ENEMY JUNGLE! ONE OF THE GREAT SURVIVAL STORIES OF THE PACIFIC WAR.

FLOWN TO NOUMEA, LIEUTENANT HUGH BARR MILLER GAVE THE DOCTORS SOMETHING TO WONDER AT. TALK ABOUT STAMINA! IRON GRIT! WHEN IT CAME TO NEVER-SAY-DIE IN THE FACE OF ADVERSITY, MILLER WAS TOPS. HALSEY CALLED HIM THE "ONE-MAN ARMY." MRS. ROOSEVELT CAME TO PRESENT HIM WITH THE NAVY CROSS. MILLER OF THE **STRONG**—THE DESTROYERMAN'S DESTROYERMAN.

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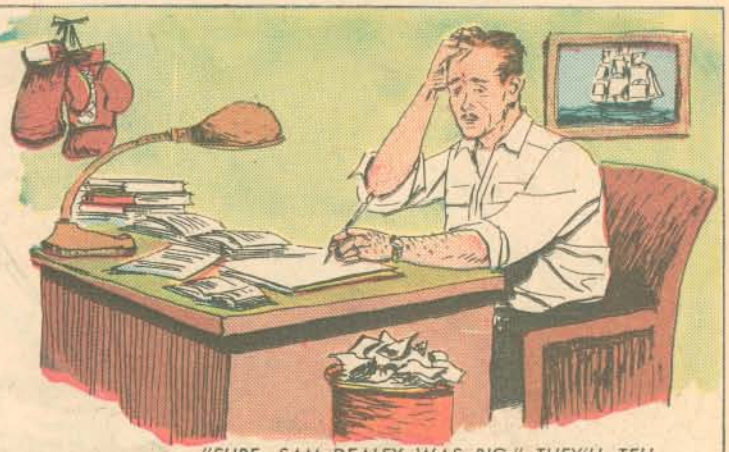
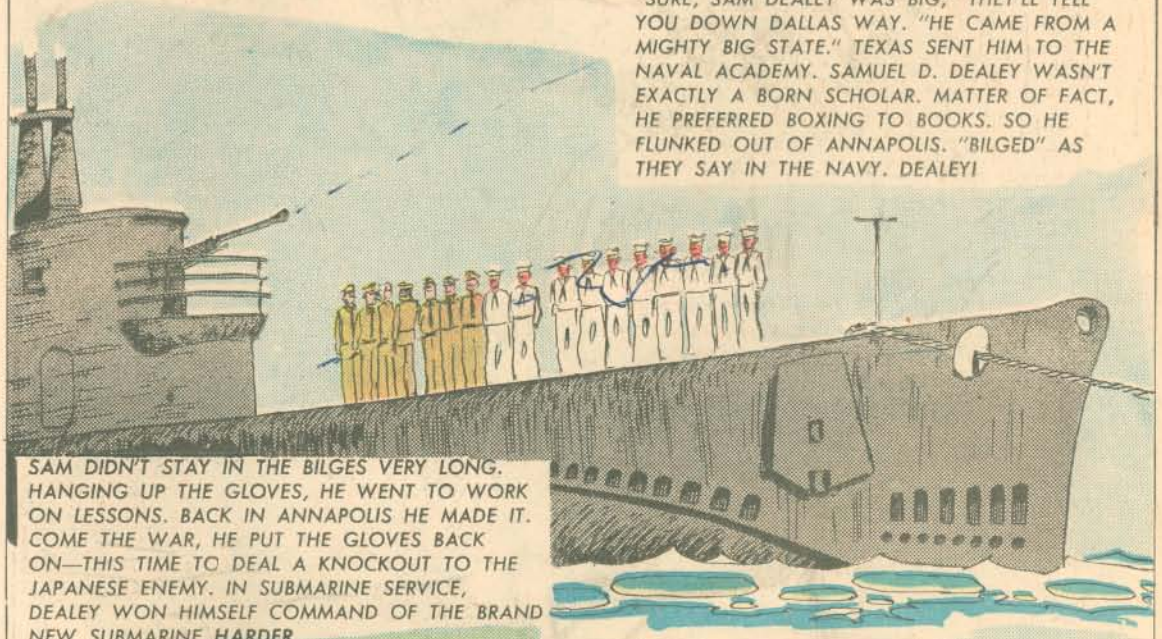
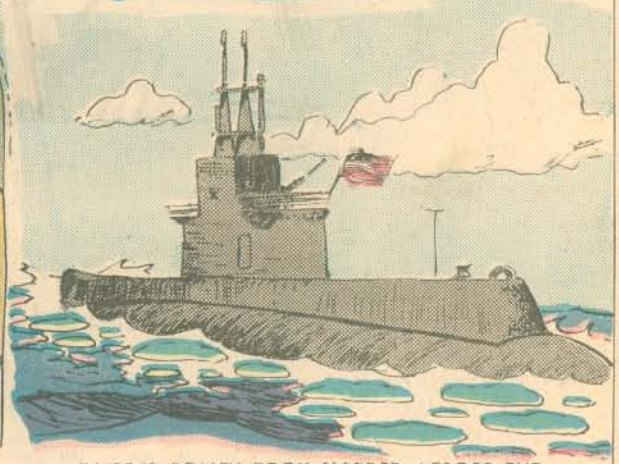


"SURE, SAM DEALEY WAS BIG," THEY'LL TELL YOU DOWN DALLAS WAY. "HE CAME FROM A MIGHTY BIG STATE." TEXAS SENT HIM TO THE NAVAL ACADEMY. SAMUEL D. DEALEY WASN'T EXACTLY A BORN SCHOLAR. MATTER OF FACT, HE PREFERRED BOXING TO BOOKS. SO HE FLUNKED OUT OF ANNAPOLIS. "BILGED" AS THEY SAY IN THE NAVY. DEALEY!

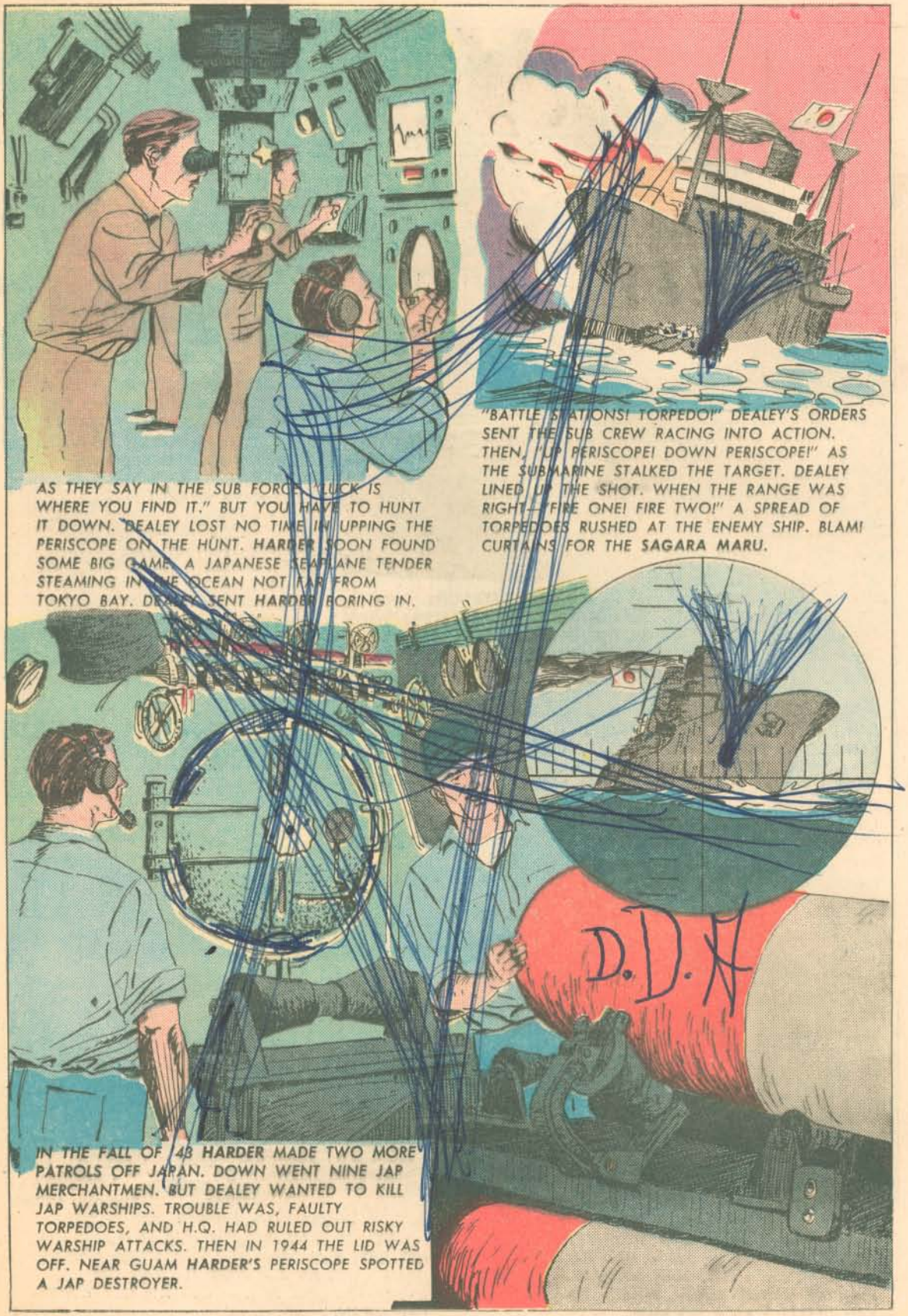


SAM DIDN'T STAY IN THE BILGES VERY LONG. HANGING UP THE GLOVES, HE WENT TO WORK ON LESSONS. BACK IN ANNAPOLIS HE MADE IT. COME THE WAR, HE PUT THE GLOVES BACK ON—THIS TIME TO DEAL A KNOCKOUT TO THE JAPANESE ENEMY. IN SUBMARINE SERVICE, DEALEY WON HIMSELF COMMAND OF THE BRAND NEW SUBMARINE **HARDER**.

DEALEY LOVED THE **HARDER** AND THE **HARDER** CREW LOVED DEALEY. WHO WOULDN'T, WHEN A NAVY COMMANDER TAKES TIME TO SHAKE THE HAND OF A NEW MAN ABOARD, AND TELL HIM, "MY NAME'S DEALEY, WHAT'S YOURS?" SAM DEALEY WAS A BIG MAN.



IN 1943 DEALEY TOOK **HARDER** ACROSS THE PACIFIC. AT PEARL THE SUB WAS SENT OUT ON HER FIRST WAR MISSION. DESTINATION: NIPPON. DEALEY AND HIS SUB WERE TO JOIN THE UNDERSEA FORCE BLOCKADING THE HOT WATERS OFF JAPAN.


AS THEY SAY IN THE SUB FORCE, "LUCK IS WHERE YOU FIND IT." BUT YOU HAVE TO HUNT IT DOWN. DEALEY LOST NO TIME IN UPPING THE PERISCOPE ON THE HUNT. HARDER SOON FOUND SOME BIG GAME. A JAPANESE SEAPLANE TENDER STEAMING IN THE OCEAN NOT FAR FROM TOKYO BAY. DEALEY SENT HARDER BORING IN.
"BATTLE STATIONS! TORPEDO!" DEALEY'S ORDERS SENT THE SUB CREW RACING INTO ACTION. THEN, "UP PERISCOPE! DOWN PERISCOPE!" AS THE SUBMARINE STALKED THE TARGET. DEALEY LINED UP THE SHOT. WHEN THE RANGE WAS RIGHT—"FIRE ONE! FIRE TWO!" A SPREAD OF TORPEDOES RUSHED AT THE ENEMY SHIP. BLAM! CURTAINS FOR THE SAGARA MARU.
IN THE FALL OF 43 HARDER MADE TWO MORE PATROLS OFF JAPAN. DOWN WENT NINE JAP MERCHANTMEN. BUT DEALEY WANTED TO KILL JAP WARSHIPS. TROUBLE WAS, FAULTY TORPEDOES, AND H.Q. HAD RULED OUT RISKY WARSHIP ATTACKS. THEN IN 1944 THE LID WAS OFF. NEAR GUAM HARDER'S PERISCOPE SPOTTED A JAP DESTROYER.
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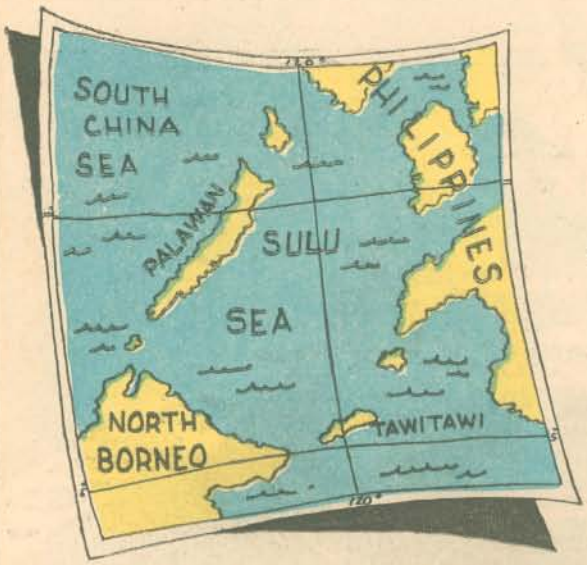
BONG! BONG! BONG! GOES THE BELL FOR BATTLE STATIONS. OVER THE SQUAWK-BOX SOUNDS THE ORDER FOR ACTION. DEALEY KEEPS HIS EYE GLUED TO THE PERISCOPE. "WE'VE GOT A JAP CAN LINED UP, BOYS. WE'RE GOING TO GET HER!" WILL THE NEW TORPEDOES WORK? OR WILL THEY GO HAYWIRE, AND BETRAY THE HARDER? "FIRE ONE! FIRE TWO! FIRE THREE! FIRE FOUR!" THE SPREAD FANS OUT ON A BEAUTIFULLY CURVING TRACK. BLAM! THE SEA SHAKES WITH THUNDER. DOWN GOES JAP DESTROYER IKAZUCHI.

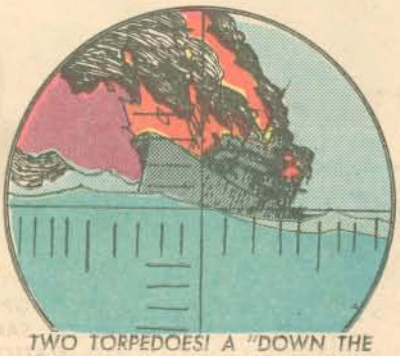
EARLY IN THE WAR THE SUBS HAD FEARED JAP DESTROYERS. NOW THE "SILENT SERVICE" GOT THE WORD—GET JAP DESTROYERS AT FIRST CRACK. SENT TO AUSTRALIA TO BOLSTER THE SOUTHWEST PACIFIC FORCE, HARDER WAS READY FOR BEAR. AT FREMANTLE, DEALEY RECEIVED SECRET ORDERS. HIS SUB WAS TO GO TO THE PHILIPPINES AND SCOUT AROUND TAWI-TAWI.

TAWI-TAWI IN THE SULU SEA—HARDER WAS TO CRUISE RIGHT BETWEEN THE PHILIPPINES AND BORNEO. DANGEROUS WATERS? RED HOT! THE MAIN JAP BATTLE FLEET WAS AT ANCHORAGE THERE. BATTLESHIPS, CRUISERS, THE WORKS! DEALEY'S SUB WOULD PUT ITS HEAD RIGHT INTO THE DRAGON'S MOUTH. BUT THE DRAGON WAS GOING TO LOSE SOME TEETH!



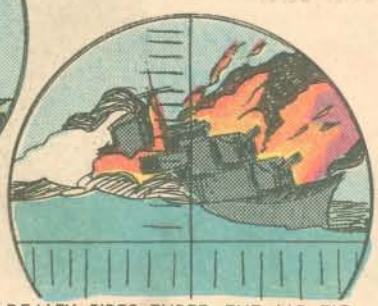
THIS WAS THE DRAGON'S MOUTH. SAILING IN, **HARDER** PROVED MORE THAN IT COULD CHEW.

JUNE 6, 1944. DESTROYER SIGHTED. **HARDER** DIVES, THE ENEMY CHARGES, HEAD ON. THEN—



TWO TORPEDOES! A "DOWN THE THROAT" SHOT. WHAM! DOWN GOES JAP DD **MINATSUKI.**

JUNE 7. JAP DD SIGHTED IN SIBUTU PASSAGE. ANOTHER "DOWN THE THROAT" SHOT FOR **HARDER.**



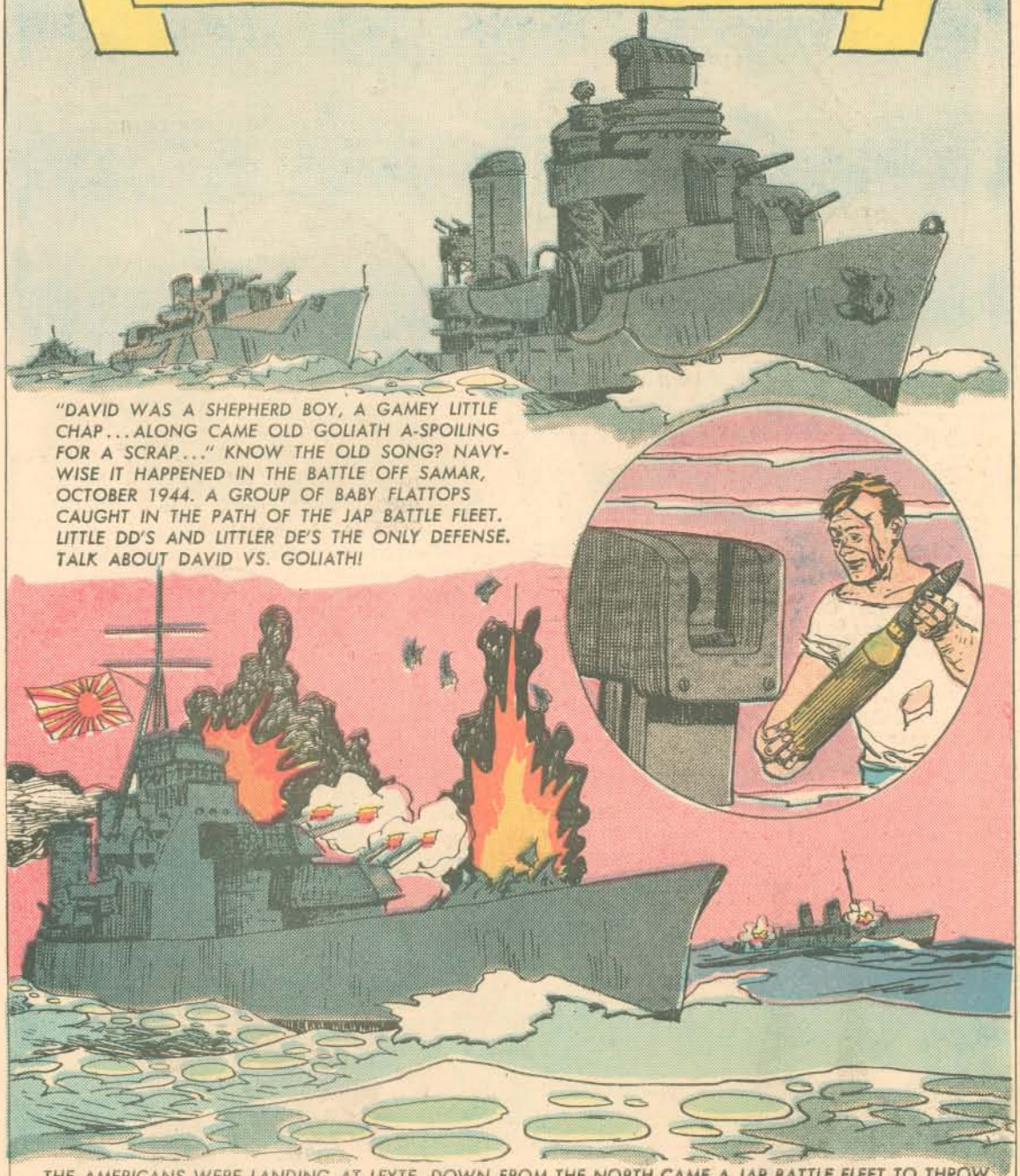
DEALEY FIRES THREE. THE JAP ZIG-ZAGS. AND IS HIT AMIDSHIPS. END OF DD **HAYANAMI.**

JUNE 9. TWO DD'S SIGHTED. DEALEY MANEUVERS FOR AN "OVERLAP," AND HITS BOTH TARGETS!

AFTER DD **TANIKAZE** SANK (THE OTHER DD VANISHED) DEALEY GOT **HARDER** OUT OF THERE. FOUR DESTROYERS DOWNED IN THREE DAYS! BROOM ON HIGH IN SIGNAL OF CLEAN SWEEP, "HIT-'EM-HARDER" HEADED FOR HOME.

GREAT SKIPPERS STARRED IN U.S. SUBS. WARDER —SIEGLAFF—O'KANE—CUTTER—"LUCKY" FLUCKEY. UNDER ADMIRAL LOCKWOOD, "SUBPAC" SCORED A TERRIFIC RECORD. BUT IT COST. AND **HARDER** WAS LOST, AUGUST 1944. LOST? NOT IN MEMORY! NOT A STAR LIKE SAM DEALEY! BIG? WHY, YOU CAN ALMOST HEAR HIM SAYING TO ST. PETER, "MY NAME'S DEALEY. WHAT'S YOURS?"

THE BATTLE OFF SAMAR



"DAVID WAS A SHEPHERD BOY, A GAMEY LITTLE CHAP... ALONG CAME OLD GOLIATH A-SPOILING FOR A SCRAP..." KNOW THE OLD SONG? NAVY-WISE IT HAPPENED IN THE BATTLE OFF SAMAR, OCTOBER 1944. A GROUP OF BABY FLATTOPS CAUGHT IN THE PATH OF THE JAP BATTLE FLEET. LITTLE DD'S AND LITTLER DE'S THE ONLY DEFENSE. TALK ABOUT DAVID VS. GOLIATH!

THE AMERICANS WERE LANDING AT LEYTE. DOWN FROM THE NORTH CAME A JAP BATTLE FLEET TO THROW THEM OUT. WHEW! ADMIRAL SPRAGUE'S BABY FLATTOP GROUP WAS CAUGHT COLD BY BATTLESHIPS **YAMATO, NAGATO, KONGO, HARUNA,** AND THEIR ESCORT CRUISERS. "SMALL BOYS ATTACK!" ORDERED SPRAGUE. INTO ACTION RUSHED DD'S **HOEL, JOHNSTON** AND **HEERMANN,** AND DE'S **ROBERTS, BUTLER, DENNIS, RAYMOND.** THEY MADE SMOKE. THEY FIRED TORPEDOES. THEY ZAGGED AND ZIGGED THROUGH A TYPHOON OF GIANT SHELLS. **JOHNSTON** AND **HOEL** WENT DOWN. THE DE'S WERE BLASTED. SHELLS SANK LITTLE **ROBERTS.** LITTLE? HER CREW WOULD NEVER FORGET GUNNER'S MATE PAUL CARR. WOUNDED, DYING, CARR LOADED HIS GUN'S LAST SHOT. IT HIT A JAP CRUISER. AND THE JAP BATTLESHIPS, SCARED, TURNED BACK. THE "SMALL BOYS"—LIKE CARR—HAD DONE IT TO GOLIATH AGAIN.

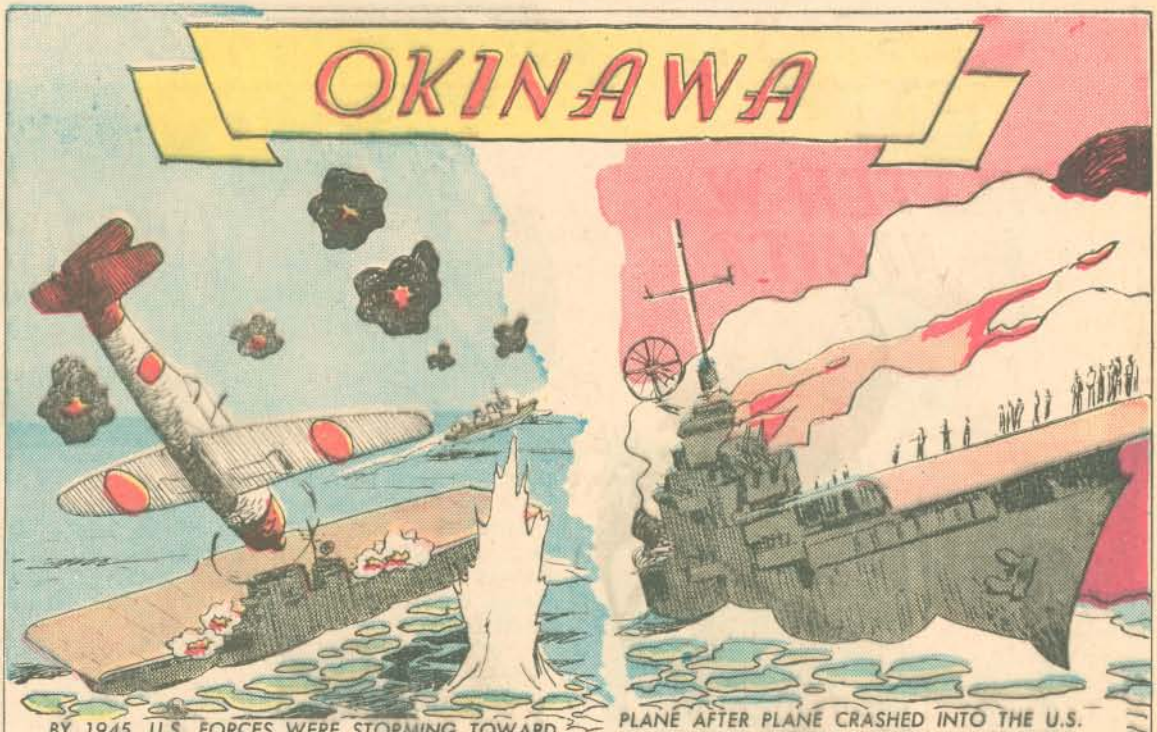
UNDERWATER · DEMOLITION · TEAMS

UNDERWATER DEMOLITION TEAMS—THE NAVY'S "FROGMEN." THESE SKIN DIVERS PAVED THE WAY FOR EVERY MAJOR LANDING OPERATION OF THE TWO-OCEAN WAR. THEY SWAM IN TO THE ENEMY BEACHES TO DEMOLISH UNDERWATER TRAPS, SECRET MINES AND SHARKTOOTH OBSTACLES. RISKY WORK? DANGER WAS THEIR MISSION.

THE SURF WAS DANGEROUS. THE MINES WERE DANGEROUS. SO WERE ENEMY SHARPSHOOTERS, AIRCRAFT PATROLS, SHORE GUNS. AT IWO, SAIPAN, ULITHI, OKINAWA, THE FROGMEN GOT IN AND OUT BY SKIN OF THEIR TEETH. AT GUAM THEY LEFT A SIGN FOR THE LANDERS. "WELCOME U.S. MARINES... UNDERWATER DEMO. TEAM FOUR."

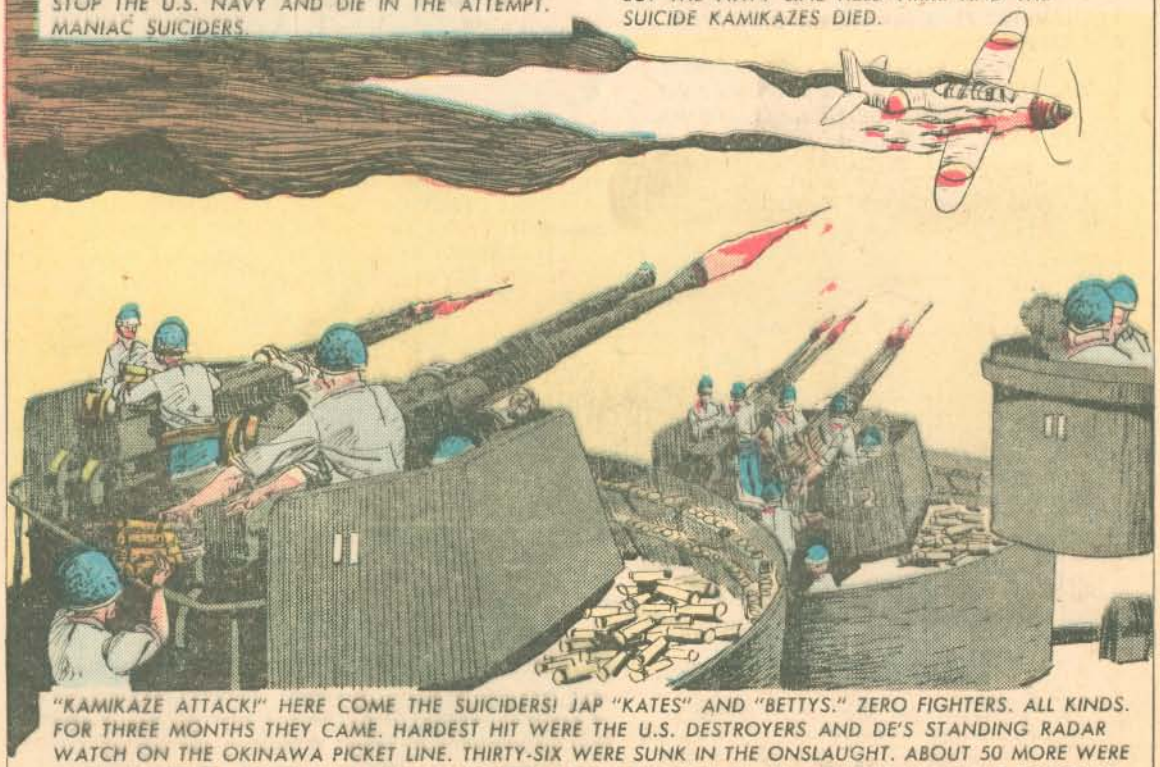
AT SICILY THE U.D.T. MEN WERE FIRST ASHORE. AT NORMANDY THEY CLEARED THE WAY FOR THE INVASION BARGES OF EISENHOWER'S ARMY. BATTLE DRESS? A PAIR OF SWIMMING TRUNKS. WEAPONS? A KNIFE AND AS MANY EXPLOSIVES AS A SWIMMER COULD CARRY. TRAINED IN SECRECY, THESE "FROGS" SURPRISED THE NAZIS. THREE OUT OF FIVE U.D.T. MEN WERE HIT AT OMAHA. BUT THEY WIPED OUT 85% OF THE BEACH TRAPS AND OBSTACLES. IN THIS OUTFIT, EVERY MAN WAS A HERO.

OKINAWA



BY 1945, U.S. FORCES WERE STORMING TOWARD JAPAN IN A POWERHOUSE DRIVE. WITH THE PHILIPPINES LOST, JAPAN'S WAR LORDS DECIDED ON MILITARY SUICIDE. OKINAWA WAS THE STAGE. DOWN FROM THE SKY CAME THE SO-CALLED "DIVINE WIND"—KAMIKAZES SWORN TO STOP THE U.S. NAVY AND DIE IN THE ATTEMPT. MANIAC SUICIDERS.

PLANE AFTER PLANE CRASHED INTO THE U.S. WARSHIPS. CARRIERS, BATTLESHIPS, CRUISERS WERE HIT BY THE FLAMING KAMIKAZES. CARRIER **FRANKLIN** TOOK A STUPENDOUS BASHING. SO DID **BUNKER HILL** AND OTHERS. DEATH RAINED FROM THE SKY. OKINAWA BECAME A CRUCIBLE. BUT THE NAVY LINE HELD FIRM. AND THE SUICIDE KAMIKAZES DIED.



"KAMIKAZE ATTACK!" HERE COME THE SUICIDERS! JAP "KATES" AND "BETTYS." ZERO FIGHTERS. ALL KINDS. FOR THREE MONTHS THEY CAME. HARDEST HIT WERE THE U.S. DESTROYERS AND DE'S STANDING RADAR WATCH ON THE OKINAWA PICKET LINE. THIRTY-SIX WERE SUNK IN THE ONSLAUGHT. ABOUT 50 MORE WERE BADLY MANGLED. AT OKINAWA THE NAVY LOST MORE MEN THAN IN ALL PREVIOUS WARS PUT TOGETHER. BUT THE JAPS LOST OKINAWA. HAVING LIVED BY THE SWORD, THEY WOULD PERISH BY THE SWORD.

CHESTER W. NIMITZ

LIEUTENANT CHESTER W. NIMITZ EARNED HIS RANK THE HARD WAY. HE PIONEERED IN THE EARLY GASOLINE SUBS BACK WHEN THEY HUNG A BIRDCAGE IN THE CONTROL ROOM TO DETECT CARBON MONOXIDE FUMES. SUBMARINING ALWAYS TOOK A LOT OF COURAGE AND BRAINS. CHESTER NIMITZ HAD WHAT IT TOOK TO REACH THE TOP OF THE NAVY LADDER.

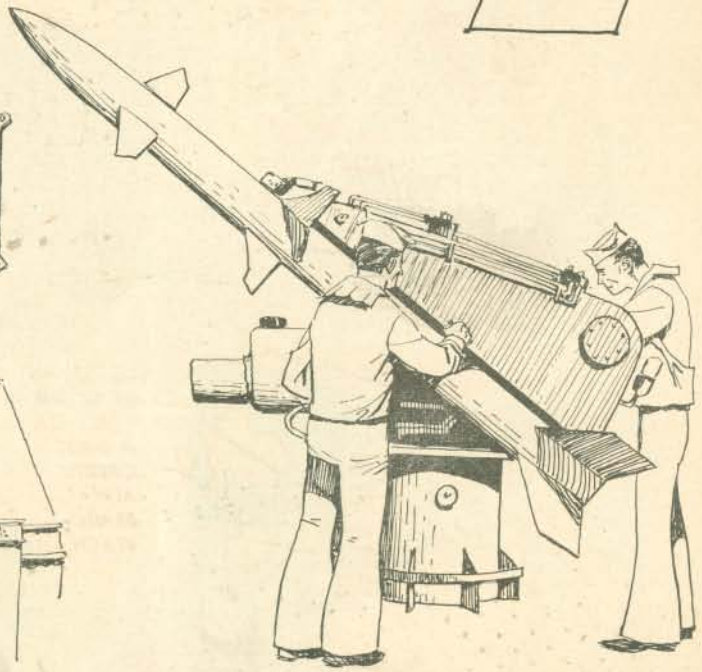
NIMITZ WAS GIVEN TOP PACIFIC COMMAND SOON AFTER PEARL HARBOR. THINGS WERE TOUGH ALL OVER, THEN, BUT HE NEVER DOUBTED FINAL VICTORY. IN FACT, ADMIRAL NIMITZ PLANNED FOR IT. FROM MIDWAY TO JAPAN HE DESIGNED THE ENEMY'S DOWNFALL. NIMITZ PLANNED THE GREAT SMASH INTO LEYTE GULF—THE DRIVE THEY CALLED "MACARTHUR'S RETURN."

NIMITZ PUSHED THE SUB CAMPAIGN THAT CLOBBERED JAPAN'S MERCHANT FLEET AND SANK ALMOST A THIRD OF THE JAP NAVY. HE SPARKED THE AIR STRIKES THAT BLASTED TOKYO. IN A FINAL DESPERATE SORTIE, JAPAN'S REMNANT BATTLE FLEET COMMITTED SUICIDE. THE ORDER WAS GIVEN BY ADMIRAL TOYODA. BUT YOU MIGHT SAY IT WAS "OKAYED" BY NIMITZ.

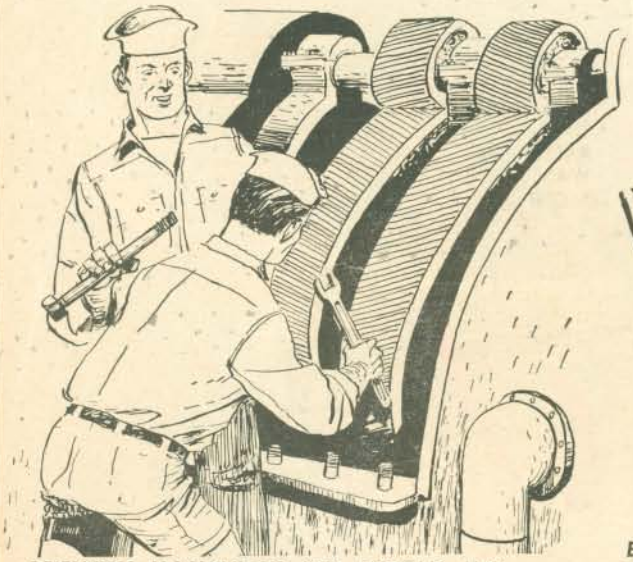
VJ-DAY! AUGUST 14, 1945. A CHEERING U.S. FLEET STEAMING INTO TOKYO BAY. ON SEPTEMBER 2 JAPAN'S LEADERS SIGNED THE FORMAL SURRENDER. GENERAL MACARTHUR SIGNED AS SUPREME COMMANDER OF THE ALLIED POWERS. BUT—SYMBOLIC OF SEA POWER—THE SURRENDER WAS ON BATTLESHIP **MISSOURI.** NIMITZ SIGNED FOR THE U.S.A.

AMERICAN · BLUEJACKET

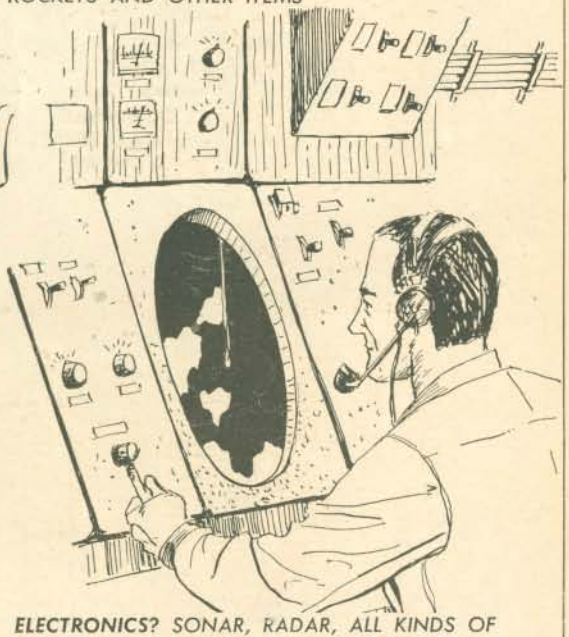
SEAMANSHIP? *YOU CAN'T BEAT THE U.S. BLUEJACKET WHEN IT COMES TO SHIP HANDLING. QUARTERMASTERS LIKE THIS ONE DID THE JOB IN THE PACIFIC WAR. TODAY THEY DO IT FOR NATO. NAVIGATORS ON SALT WATER, MAYBE TOMORROW'S SPACE MEN FOR THE U.S.N.*



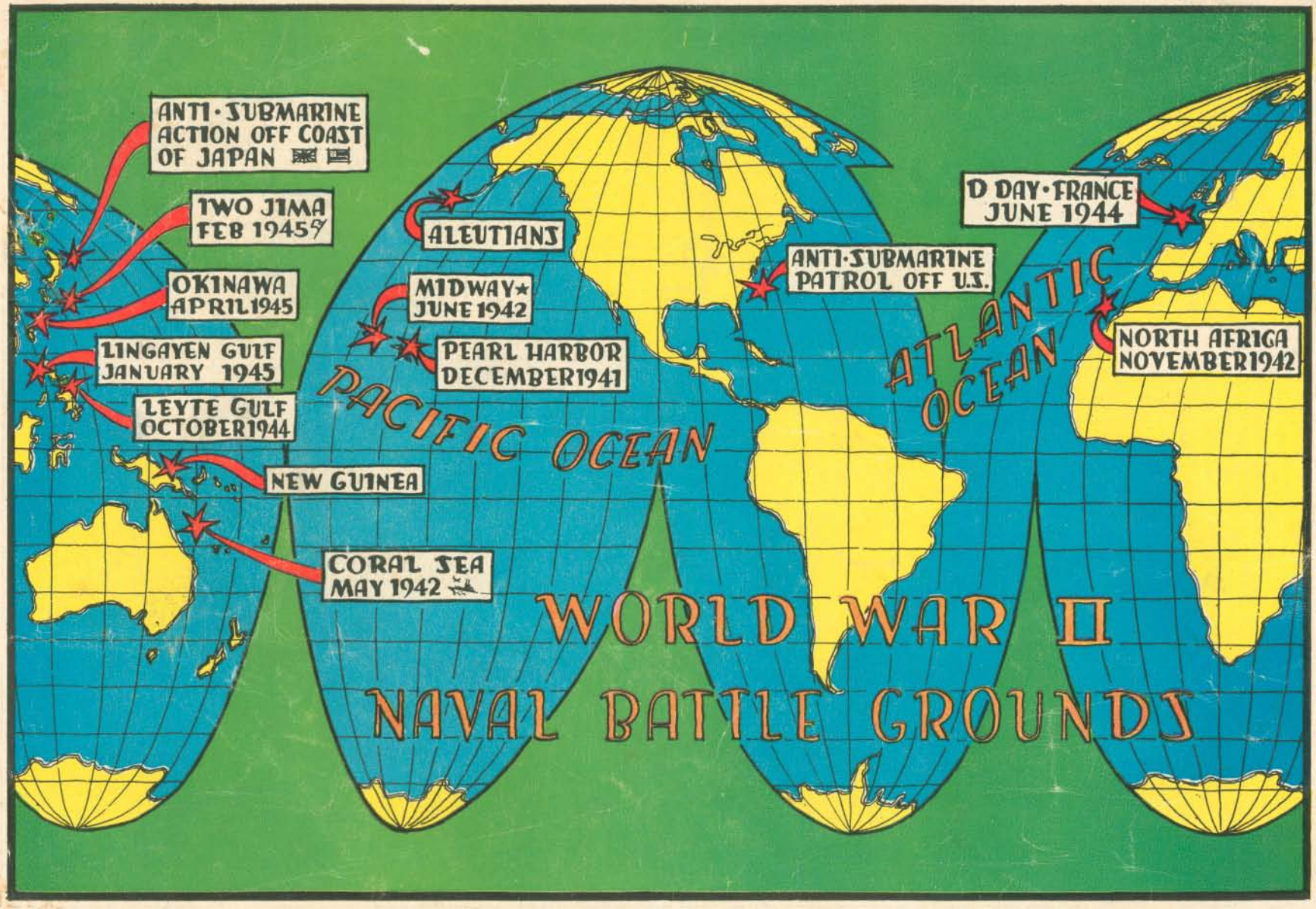
GUNNERY AND MISSILES? *NAVY BLUEJACKETS CAN'T BE BEAT AT WEAPONS HANDLING. AFLOAT AND ASHORE IN WORLD WAR II THEY HIT THE TARGETS ON THE NOSE. TODAY THEY FIRE ROCKETS AND OTHER ITEMS*



SCIENTIFIC MACHINERY? *JETS, PISTONS AND MARINE TURBINES ARE NO MYSTERY TO THE BLUEJACKET ENGINEER. IN THE ATLANTIC AND PACIFIC, WORLD WAR II, THE BOYS IN THIS DEPARTMENT KEPT THE SHIPS GOING LIKE SWISS WATCHES. A GREAT GANG!*



ELECTRONICS? *SONAR, RADAR, ALL KINDS OF WIZARDY ARE LEARNED BY THE ELECTRONICS MAN IN NAVY BLUE. FROM BIG FLATTOPS TO LITTLE SUBS THESE ARTISTS KEPT NAVY "ON THE BEAM" IN WORLD WAR II. THEY'LL BE THERE IN TOMORROW'S ATOMIC NAVY PIONEERING SEAS OF SCIENCE.*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